



Karen Ann Landes

January 30, 1939 - July 13, 2023

Karen Ann (Welsh) Landes, 84, of Waterville and a long-time resident of Holland, Ohio, was with family when she went to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, July 13, 2023. She was born on January 30, 1939, and preceded in death by her mother, Helen Grant, and her husband Wayne Landes. She is survived by daughters Julie Landes (Charles Hagner), Laura (Joe) Pounds, and Patty O'Toole (Dan Smith); grandchildren James and Ann Hagner, Sara (Matt) Moser and Matthew Pounds, Megan and Ryan O'Toole and their father William O'Toole; and many old and new friends who enriched her life and miss her terribly.

Karen married her high-school sweetheart soon after graduating from Napoleon High School in 1957, earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from Bowling Green State University in 1980 at the age of 41, and went on to serve in much-valued staff and volunteer leadership roles in Toledo businesses and churches for more than 40 years. She was also a quietly generous philanthropist.

Her laugh was infectious. She was a well-liked long-time tennis player (into her 70s), a cautious sailor, a beautiful singer, and a competitive bridge and board-game player, as well as a caring daughter, a loving wife, and a wonderful mother. Of all her roles, she loved the role of mom the most, although becoming a grandmother was a close second. She excelled at both; she was the best Grammy ever.

The family will receive visitors at Waterville United Methodist Church, 7115

Waterville-Monclova Road, on Saturday, August 5, 2023, at 10 a.m., and a celebration of life will follow at 11 a.m. The service will be live streamed on the Waterville United Methodist Church website <https://www.watervilleumc.org/> -- scroll down to LIVESTREAM Click Here button or go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/@watervilleumc5949/featured>

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to Hospice of Northwest Ohio, the Karen and Wayne Landes Family Scholarship at Bowling Green State University, or a charity of your choice. Please view Karen's Memorial video tribute and leave a condolence message at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

City of Napoleon Forest Hill Cemetery

500 E. Maumee Ave
Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Waterville United Methodist Church
7115 Waterville Monclova Rd.
Waterville, OH 43566

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Karen Ann Landes.



August 03, 2023 at 08:22 PM



“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - August 03, 2023 at 01:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Karen Ann Landes.



August 02, 2023 at 11:24 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Karen Ann Landes.

August 02, 2023 at 11:24 AM

CB

“ *Your mother was a wonderful next door neighbor for many years at Iyopawa Island. She always had a smile on her face and a helping hand. I certainly missed her when she sold the lake house. Blessings and God's comfort to you and your families.*
Cindy Burkhardt

Cindy Burkhardt - August 02, 2023 at 10:30 AM

PO

Thank you Cindy. You and Bob were wonderful neighbors to mom and dad, and all their grandchildren who used your beach!

potoole529 - August 03, 2023 at 11:30 PM

JH

“ *Dearest daughters, Julie, Laura and Patty. I have always felt very close to your mom as she was easy to love.....dear and sweet and kind. We were neighbors in Wolf Creek (I sold her and your dad their villa) and then sold it for her just a short time ago. Even after we moved away we kept in touch. I really wanted you to know how special she was to me. There are people in our lives that remain there forever and Karen was one of those people to me. God bless you and your family and He has blessed all of us too for having known her. Love Jane & Dan Haley*

Jane Haley - July 31, 2023 at 01:58 PM

PO

Thank you so much for taking the time to share with us what she meant to you. That has been the best part of the past two weeks...learning how many lives she touched besides ours!
Julie Landes

potoole529 - July 31, 2023 at 08:55 PM

JT

“ I will surely miss your Mom. We shared a wonderful friendship, and I will always cherish the memories I have of her. May you find God's peace and strength in the days ahead.

Joyce Treat - July 29, 2023 at 12:44 PM

PO

She talked of you often Joyce, hoping you would be moving in as her neighbor one day! Thanks for your friendship -- it meant a lot to her.

potoole529 - July 31, 2023 at 08:57 PM

JM

“ Julie, Laura, and Patty,

May you find comfort and peace in each other and know the memories of both of your parents will remain in all of in you. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time and sending hugs and strength.

Joanne Maurer

Joanne Maurer - July 24, 2023 at 06:44 PM

JL

Thank you Joanne. She really valued your friendship!❤️

julie Landes - July 24, 2023 at 11:01 PM

JL

Joanne Kuhn Mauer I didn't recognize you! Thanks for writing. Hope you and your family are doing well.

julie Landes - July 25, 2023 at 07:22 AM

DB

“ Karen made even sunny days brighter. Even when something wasn't going her way, she could make me laugh. What a delight! She had the ability to make one feel special. My deepest condolences to her family and other loved ones. She is so missed (pic on golf outing and one playing spinner)



Don Brown - July 24, 2023 at 10:11 AM

PA

Don and Cheryl - I was always so grateful that my mom had you as her Florida friends!! When she was with you I knew she was having fun!!
Patty

Patty - July 29, 2023 at 06:13 AM

JA

“ Karen was just the best neighbor. We had the great conversations over the years. She was such a strong and wise woman and I will so miss her. Jane Aplin

Jane Aplin - July 23, 2023 at 09:55 PM

JL

Thank you Jane! We appreciate you watching out for her with the window shade code! 🙏
Julie

julie Landes - July 24, 2023 at 11:05 PM

PA

Jane - Thanks for always being willing to help me when I came over for something! You were such a good neighbor to my mom!! Patty

Patty - July 29, 2023 at 06:12 AM

RH

“ Karen was an amazing " song friend" to us who were blessed to sing with her in choirs over the years. She truly served Jesus, our Savior, in her life and in her singing. She is now singing in Heaven's Choir.

John 3:16

Thankful for precious memories,
Rhoda Hess

Rhoda M. Hess - July 23, 2023 at 06:42 PM

JL

Thank you Rhoda. We just learned from a journal she kept that she always wanted to be a professional singer (or dancer!). Your choir and your hospice outreach was so enriching for her, ❤️. Julie

julie Landes - July 26, 2023 at 07:18 AM

PA

Thanks for sharing Rhoda! My mom LOVED Threshold Choir and her time with you and all of singers. I know it was very special ministry for all of you...and for all who experienced it. Patty (her daughter who worked at HNWO while you were in the choir). :)

Patty - July 29, 2023 at 06:26 AM

JL

“ June 20, 1958. Happiest day of her life!



julie Landes - July 23, 2023 at 05:58 PM

MD

I'm happy that I was there (see me - I'm the little one in the yellow dress with the girls) :) :)

Mary Jo Dey - July 24, 2023 at 08:16 PM

MD

I always looked up to Karen, my big cousin. She was beautiful always! I loved her laugh. My thoughts are with you girls at this difficult time!

Mary Jo Dey - July 24, 2023 at 08:19 PM

PA

Thanks Mary Jo!! I have always loved this picture and that you were in their wedding. Hope all is well with your family!

Patty - July 29, 2023 at 06:22 AM

JS

“ Thanks for the memories and friendship over the years. We sat next to each other during most home rooms in high school. Wayne was a close personal friend and we were freshman college roommates at Ohio State. You visited Wayne several times at OSU and he changed to BG to be close to you. We maintained personal contact over the years, and you and I shared multiple emails almost daily. Thanks for the memories; you will be greatly missed. And, give Wayne my best when he greets you!

John Shafer - July 23, 2023 at 10:15 AM

JL

Thank you for writing John. She spoke of you fondly and even though we've never met, I know what a good friend you were to both our parents. (We will be streaming the service; watch for link to be posted closer to 8/5,)

julie Landes - July 23, 2023 at 05:57 PM

MR

“ Julie, Laura and Patty,
I want you and all your families to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.
I have many memories of your parents at McAuley our class of 1978 (Julie) and the one most memory was that of Treasure Hunt. Always around to help the Sisters of Mercy. I was so happy to see them again at MVCDS while I had Megan and Ryan in my class. They always made it to Grandparents Day and to the childrens concerts. Your parents are now enjoying their reunion and you all have the brightest stars blowing you kisses and watching over you all.

Peace to All,
Maggie (Bosch)Reed

Maggie Bosch Reed - July 20, 2023 at 10:13 PM

JL

Thank you so much Maggie for this lovely message. I had forgotten you got to know the O'Toole's at Maumee Valley! ❤️❤️

julie Landes - July 22, 2023 at 08:01 AM

PA

Thanks so much Maggie! Megan, Ryan and I all say hi and hope you and your family are well. You made a difference for all of us in our early years at MV and we love you! Thanks for remembering Grandparents Day - that was always so special. Love, Patty

Patty - July 29, 2023 at 06:19 AM

MR

Yes, Hello to your families and my family is growing with 3 grand boys. When school starts this year it will be my 26 year at MV. Continuing to prayer for your families. I am so sorry I will miss the service this weekend as I just finished Safe-T-City in Toledo. Brent and I have planned a trip out west before school starts up in 3 weeks.
Hugs to all!

Maggie Reed - August 02, 2023 at 09:09 PM

JB

“ Dear Julie, Patty, Laura and family,
I was very sad to learn about the death of your dear mother. I enjoyed many happy days in your beautiful home in Reagan Woods when I was in high school. Your mother always amazed me with her competence, intelligence and kindness. She will be dearly missed by all who loved and knew her.
May your happy memories bring you comfort in your time of sadness.

Love,
Jackie Wines Burniske

Jackie Burniske - July 19, 2023 at 11:06 PM

JL

Thank you Jackie! So many fun memories starting in 6th grade. We both were blessed with beautiful role models. I'm so looking forward to giving you a long overdue hug! ❤️

julie Landes - July 22, 2023 at 08:06 AM